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1. FINLAND HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TUURE MENTULA
AS ITS NEW AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977.

2. MENTULA WAS BORN OCTOBER 21, 1915 IN SUOMENNIEMI. HE
STUDIES LAW, IN WHICH HE HOLDS TWO DEGREES, AND WAS A PRACTICING
LAWYER BEFORE ENTERING THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1948. HIS EARLY
DIPLOMATIC CAREER WAS HEAVILY CONCENTRATED IN THE UNITED STATES,
WHERE HE HAD TWO TOURS AT THE FINNISH CONSULATE-GENERAL IN
NEW YORK AND SERVED AS FINNISH CONSUL-GENERAL IN SANFRANCISCO
FROM 1961 TO 1969. IN 1969 HE WAS APPOINTED CHARGE OF THE
FINNISH EMBASSY IN CANBERRA AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME FINLAND'S
FIRST AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA, WHERE HE SERVED FOR SIX YEARS,
WITH CONCURRENT ACCREDITATION TO NEW ZEALAND. SINCE 1975
HE HAS BEEN SERVING AS A COUNSELLOR AT MFA, WITH OCCASIONAL
TEMPORARY DUTY ABROAD, SUCH AS CHIEF OF FINNISH DELEGATION
TO 1975 BENEVA CONVENTION CONFERENCE.

3. AMBASSADOR MENTULA IS MARRIED TO THE FOMER AINO MARJATTA
ILKAVALKO. THEY HAVE TWO GROWN CHILDREN.
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